



2003 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 27

March 18, 2003 - Introduced by Senators DARLING, GEORGE, PANZER, KANAVAS, ERPENBACH, BROWN, SCHULTZ, KEDZIE and COWLES, cosponsored by Representatives RICHARDS, LADWIG, YOUNG, UNDERHEIM, LOTHIAN, COGGS, GUNDERSON, STASKUNAS, M. LEHMAN, KRUG, VRUWINK, RHOADES, VAN ROY, BIES, HINES, STONE, JESKEWITZ, J. LEHMAN, VRAKAS, HAHN, MCCORMICK, GIELOW and ALBERS. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** congratulating and commending the University of
2 Wisconsin-Milwaukee Men's Basketball Team and Head Coach Bruce Pearl on
3 earning their first NCAA Division I Tournament appearance.

4 Whereas, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Panthers, under the
5 direction of Head Coach Bruce Pearl, earned a spot in the NCAA Division I
6 Tournament for the first time in the 107-year history of the basketball program; and

7 Whereas, the Panthers finished the regular season with a record of 24-7,
8 claiming a 2nd place finish in the Horizon League and ending at 13-3 in conference
9 play, capping their best Division I record in school history; and

10 Whereas, with the leadership, dedication, and ambition of a head coach in his
11 2nd year at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, the Panthers' 24 victories this
12 season tie a school record for wins in a single season; and

13 Whereas, the spectacular victory on their home court over the Butler Bulldogs,
14 in front of 10,115 fans, the largest home crowd in University of

1 Wisconsin–Milwaukee history, gave the Panthers a perfect home record of 13–0,
2 including 11–0 at the Klotsche Center; and

3 Whereas, Bruce Pearl was named Horizon League Coach of the Year for the 2nd
4 straight year, only the 3rd coach in the 24–year history of the league to be so named;
5 and

6 Whereas, Coach Pearl’s record of 40 wins with the Panthers in his first 2
7 seasons ties a school record for the most wins in a coach’s first 2 years at the
8 University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee; and

9 Whereas, the fans of the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee Panthers will
10 break out their black and gold apparel and gather together to cheer on the team as
11 they enter the “Big Dance”; now, therefore, be it

12 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the
13 legislature of the state of Wisconsin commend and congratulate the 2002–2003
14 University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee Men’s Basketball Team and Head Coach Bruce
15 Pearl for their hard work and dedication in advancing men’s basketball to one of its
16 highest levels, and share the pride of the citizens of the state of Wisconsin in their
17 team achievement; and, be it further

18 ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint
19 resolution to Head Coach Bruce Pearl, his staff, each member of the team, Chancellor
20 Nancy Zimpher, and Athletic Director Bud Haidet.

21 (END)